

# **EXHIBIT D**

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### 13. PAGE 43:06 TO 43:19 (RUNNING 00:00:35.556)

06 Q. Did you do any work on command-line  
07 interfaces while you were at Cisco?  
08 A. Yes.  
09 Q. What work did you do on command-line  
10 interfaces at Cisco?  
11 A. When we ported native IOS from routers to  
12 switches, that was a project I was leading from a  
13 product management perspective^ .., we had to address  
14 things like interface ranges; we also brought out  
15 the first identity based network and access system  
16 for switches and so it was the 802.1 ex-protocol  
17 implementation.  
18 We were extremely creative with our  
19 taxonomy on the CLI.

### 14. PAGE 44:19 TO 45:11 (RUNNING 00:00:52.266)

19 In what way did that process involve  
20 creativity in the naming process?  
21 A. You had to figure out what you wanted the  
22 CLI to say, how were people going to enter onto a  
23 specific port and configure that port to recognize  
24 that it was supposed to not forward by default, but  
25 instead quarantine the traffic until it received a  
00045:01 MAC layer authentication from the first hop adjacent  
02 hubs.  
03 Q. And there would be more than one way to do  
04 that?  
05 A. You could do authentication via user name  
06 password; you could bypass that and use MAC address;  
07 you could use the OID of the MAC address; I could  
08 take the third octave of the requested ID address  
09 and transpose that with the V line number.  
10 All of these became configurable options  
11 over time.

### 15. PAGE 45:12 TO 45:15 (RUNNING 00:00:09.682)

12 Q. How did you choose which one of those  
13 options to go with?  
14 A. Whoever was going to write the biggest PO  
15 the fastest and what that customer wanted.

### 16. PAGE 45:16 TO 46:01 (RUNNING 00:00:37.820)

16 Q. Was there a choice involved in what seemed  
17 the most natural for the user?  
18 A. Always. You had to -- you wanted it to be  
19 intuitive; you wanted to find a way to -- the people  
20 wouldn't have to think about what command to enter,  
21 that it would be natural to them. The analogy I  
22 often use is that of a telephone dial; you want it  
23 to be familiar.  
24 Q. Are you familiar with something called the  
25 parser-police at Cisco?  
00046:01 A. Yes.

### 17. PAGE 46:09 TO 46:11 (RUNNING 00:00:05.040)

09 Q. You had a different perspective than the  
10 parser-police?  
11 A. Very much so.

### 18. PAGE 46:17 TO 46:22 (RUNNING 00:00:16.760)

17 Q. The fact that you disagreed with what the  
18 parser-police was doing, would you agree that that  
19 speaks to the fact that reasonable minds can differ

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20 with respect to what the best CLI command is in any  
21 given instance?  
22 A. Yes.

**19. PAGE 72:09 TO 73:01 (RUNNING 00:00:53.344)**

09 Q. What's the benefit to a customer in not  
10 having to operationally retrain its data center  
11 staff?  
12 A. You keep the U.S. financial system up and  
13 running.  
14 Q. What do you mean by that?  
15 A. Because if I screwed it up, I'd crash the  
16 entire New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ and every  
17 major financial up in the world. That's what  
18 happens when you screw up on a network device. The  
19 fundamental difference between a network element and  
20 a server is you crash a server, you lose one device.  
21 I screw up a switch, I lose 48 servers. I screw up  
22 a routing protocol, I can crash your entire network.  
23 It could bring AT&T down. That's why you want it  
24 operationally consistent, so you don't cause network  
25 outages and cause financial distress in the global  
00073:01 economy.

**20. PAGE 73:07 TO 73:11 (RUNNING 00:00:21.591)**

07 Q. If Arista went to an investment bank in  
08 the financial services sector and wanted to sell  
09 switches to that bank, couldn't Arista provide  
10 training in a new CLI to that bank as part of its  
11 package to sell new switches?

**21. PAGE 73:15 TO 74:07 (RUNNING 00:00:51.840)**

15 THE WITNESS: I went driving in  
16 New Zealand six months before I left Arista. I was  
17 driving on back roads. It was Christmas Day. It  
18 was quite fun.  
19 THE REPORTER: Slow down a little bit.  
20 THE WITNESS: I turned around a corner and  
21 there was a camper van head-on at me, which way did  
22 I turn?  
23 I turned right like any person driving in  
24 North America or anywhere in the world except about  
25 six countries does, and when I did that I collided  
00074:01 head-on with a camper van. It's muscle memory. 15  
02 to 20 years of engrained expertise typing right map,  
03 typing show config, typing show interface; the same  
04 commands that every vendor in our industry uses.  
05 And, yeah, you don't want to crash head-on  
06 with a camper van; it's in not pretty, messed up my  
07 Ford Fiesta.

**22. PAGE 74:22 TO 74:23 (RUNNING 00:00:04.849)**

22 Q. Arista could approach Cisco for -- for a  
23 license to its CLI, correct?

**23. PAGE 75:03 TO 75:05 (RUNNING 00:00:04.969)**

03 THE WITNESS: I suppose they could, but I  
04 kept seeing it called industry standard CLI  
05 everywhere I looked.

**24. PAGE 75:07 TO 75:09 (RUNNING 00:00:05.223)**

07 Q. Did Arista ever approach Cisco for a  
08 CLI -- for a license to its CLI?  
09 A. Not to my knowledge.

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